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than the rest, spurred forward, in spite of all the missiles with which he was assailed, and grasping me by the collar, as I attempted to regain my feet, swung me with the force of a giant on the saddle before him. It was now neck or nothing with all parties; but though I could hear my friends spring forward to my rescue, all hope, in fact all energy, had left me. All was not lost, however, and before my captor could wheel round his horse, or his comrades come to his assistance, I was once more nearly dragged off the beast by the crowd now surrounding him. At the moment his life was more endangered than mine, nor did he appear ignorant of the circumstance; so prudently abandoning his prize, he burst back to his party, not, however, without venting his spite by inflicting on my shoulder a fearful gash of his sabre before I was quite out of his reach. A volley from the outlaws followed him, and was answered by another from the retreating horsemen, which passing harmlessly by the rest, lodged a brace of bullets in my side, as if fate herself was about to wreak her anger on me. I recollect nothing further, until animation began slowly to return in what appeared a closer atmosphere.

"Any how, he's alive an' recoverin'," said a voice over me, which seemed to proceed from one tolerably far advanced in the stage of mortal existence.

"I sincerely pity him!" ejaculated another, in tones so soft and kind, as at once to dispel the fear, which seized me at the first moment of consciousness, that I was to open my eyes in a murderer's dungeon. Half my misery vanished at the bare idea that I was still free, and as looking around me, I caught merely a glimpse of the departing form of her whose words of pity had such a powerful effect on me. I saw enough, however, to know that I had never seen a lovelier face, or a lighter or more beautiful figure. I gazed for a moment on the place where she had vanished, and then turned my dim eye on her direct and perfect contrast, an old crone, who with bandage and fomentation in hand at once declared her office.

"'Twas a bloody welcome, asthore, you got among us; bud wid the Vargin's help it won't signify, if you lie quiet an' do what you're bid," said she, handing me a drink of some medicine.

"Am I safe?" was my only reply, and uttered with the utmost difficulty and pain.

"Throth, you'll see that if you only look about you; bud you musn't talk. You're here wid ourselves, avick; an' that's the captain's daughter that was here jist now, an' that made the dhrink for you."

Exerting myself more than my weakened state could bear, I drank the potion, and sunk senseless on the bed on which I was laid.

In this distressing situation I must take my leave for the present, having some few matters to arrange before the short summer nights come on to disturb my operations, so that I hope my kind reader will have the goodness to excuse me, particularly as, when that idle season commences, it is my intention to present a few more sketches of as wild a life as ever was the portion of a luckless wight on this side the grave.

M'C.

RULES RECOMMENDED TO SERVANTS.

1. A good character is valuable to every one, but especially to servants, for it is their bread; and without it they cannot be admitted into any creditable family; and happy it is, that the best of characters is in every one's power to deserve.

2. Engage yourself cautiously, but stay long in your places; for long service shows worth, as quitting a good place through passion is a folly, which is always repented of too late.

3. Never undertake any place you are not qualified for; for pretending to do what you do not understand exposes yourself, and what is still worse, deceives them whom you serve.

4. Preserve your fidelity; for a faithful servant is a jewel, for whom no encouragement can be too great.

5. Adhere to truth, for falsehood is detestable; and he that tells one lie must tell more to conceal it.

6. Be strictly honest, for it is shameful to be thought unworthy of trust.

7. Be modest in your behaviour; it becomes your situation, and is pleasing to your superiors.

8. Avoid pert answers; for civil language is cheap, and impertinence provoking.

9. Be clean and neat in your person and business; for nothing pleases more than cleanly habits; besides, sluts and slovens are disrespectful servants, and never observe any order in their different employments; without a proper method, every thing is in confusion; with it, both time and labour are saved, and much credit gained.

10. Never tell the affairs of the family you belong to, for that is treachery, and often makes mischief; but keep their secrets as carefully as you would your own.

11. Live friendly with your fellow-servants, for the contrary destroys the peace of the house; yet if you discover dishonest practices, it is your duty, at once, to reveal them to your employer.

12 Above all things avoid drunkenness; it is a sure inlet to vice, the ruin of your character, and the destruction of your constitution.

13. Prefer a peaceable life with moderate gains, to great advantages with irregularity.

14. Save your money, for that will be a friend to you in old age; be not expensive in dress, nor marry too soon.

15. Be careful of your mistress's property; for wastefulness is a sin.

16. Never swear, for that is a sin without a shadow of excuse, as there is no pleasure in it.

17. Be always ready to assist a fellow-servant; for good-nature gains the love of every one.

18. Never stay when sent out on a message; for waiting long is painful to a mistress, and quick return shows diligence; besides, remember that your mistress pays you for your time, and if you rob her of it, you are as much guilty of fraud and dishonesty, as the tradesman who gives false weight or false measure.

19. Rise early; for it is difficult to recover lost time, and this habit will give you much leisure during the day.

20. The servant that often changes place, works only to be poor; for "the rolling stone gathers no moss."

21. Be not fond of increasing your acquaintance; for visiting leads you out from your business, and puts you to an expense you cannot afford; and, above all things, take care with whom you are acquainted, for persons are generally the better or the worse of the company they keep.

22. When out of place, be cautious where you lodge; for living in a disreputable house puts you upon a footing with those that keep it, however innocent you are yourself.

23. Never go out on your own business without the knowledge of the family, lest in your absence you should be wanted; for leave is light, and returning punctually at the time of your promise shows obedience, and is a proof of sobriety.

24. If you are dissatisfied in your place, mention your objections modestly to your master or mistress, and give a fair warning, and do not neglect your business or behave ill, in order to provoke them to turn you away, for this will be a blemish in your character, which you must always have from the place you served.

MATRIMONIAL DISPARITIES.

The following observations are made by a well known author on the disparities so frequently apparent in matrimonial connections:

Unions are often formed betwixt couples differing in complexion and stature, they take place still more frequently betwixt persons totally differing in feelings, in tastes, in pursuits, and in understanding; and it would not be saying, perhaps, too much, to aver, that two-thirds of the marriages around us have been contracted betwixt persons, who, judging *a priori*, we should have thought had scarce any charms for each other. A moral and primary cause might be easily assigned for these anomalies, in the wise dispensations of Providence, that the general balance of wit, wisdom, and amiable qualities of all kinds, should be kept up through society at large; for, what a